

LESSONS LEARNED – 300 AREA END STATES WORKSHOP

Participant Comments – May 19, 2005

TECHNICAL / ISSUES-BASED COMMENTS

1. Better communication among the various players and organizations conducting D&D and environmental restoration is needed. For example, organizations that do GW monitoring need to know the schedules of D&D activities and/or facilities services activates like hydrant flushing, etc.
2. I heard no support for an industrial standard, the future is too uncertain. Please keep being open, and then include the ideas.
3. Realistic, flexible schedules and TPA, and Milestone timelines.
4. Current USDOE schedules will not provide the necessary technical information on the feasibility of application of technologies by 2007. No detailed field scale, pilot scale demonstrations are planned. They usually take 4 to 5 years to complete. PIO, EPA & Ecology should take appropriate steps to develop demonstrations of technologies. The current plan seems to follow the steps of the application of MNA which has proven to be unsuccessful. Wake up EPA, wake up USDOE!!
5. Need to recognize impacts of remedy implementation, (e.g. installation of grout curtain, slurry wall, etc. vs. cultural resource preservation and riparian zone preservation.)
 - No outcomes apparent on existing regulatory docs.
 - Questions were useless and vague.
 - Info sharing was good (EPA)!
 - Need insight into contract interfaces (groundwater vs. surface water and how remedies are related.
 - We need clean up requirements soon so clean up can progress.
 - Facilitators were good!
6. Seriously consider flushing the soil column with enough water to drop ground water plane to DW standards and do this until 300 Area is cleaned up. Place rip/rap along shore to ensure cone along shore is below DW, but it should be because the
7. Do not defrag the newer & usable buildings that have potential industrial uses, (eg. 337, 338, 339.) I do not believe confinements under these building constitute a risk to users or the public.
8. Just start pumping water and wash out the contamination into and down the river. That way we get it done. It is better to have a peak for a few years or one big marina.
9. The stuff has been in the ground already for 60 years. It's obvious; we don't have the technology now to make a big difference. People are not concerned about (Drantom) into

the river, upstream from city of Richland water intake. To me the risk is small. Fence it off, we can't stop it, and wait until the technology exists to make a difference. Use limited funding on activities that can make a difference.

10. The CLUP EIS was mentioned as the source for future land use plans, changes in land use were mentioned (618-10, 3216-4, 618-7) plus 3 other sites from "Industrial" to "Unrestricted". I also heard that no changes would be made without amending the CLUP EIS. It was stated by Tom Ferns that the EIS would be reviewed every 5 years and revised if needed. The ROD was 1999 and 5 years would be 2004, it's now 2005. Why hasn't the CLUP EIS been revised?
11. Start some technology trials now.
12. Use a variety of clean up ideas. Don't use only one for the entire 300 area.
13. Don't push too hard on accelerated clean up. Soil surface cleanup is closely related to underground water contamination, i.e. surface cleanup must be tied in with ground water remediation.

MEETING FORMAT, FACILITATION, AND PROCESS

14. How is the information from this workshop actually going to be used?
15. Thanks for all the effort needed to put the workshop together. I really appreciate hearing all the different views. It helps me with the big picture. The workshop was very encouraging for me.
16. Format of workshops worked well. Susan L. was a great facilitator. Need to differentiate between land-use along the river vs. other areas. Good mix of people in group, technical experts and general public dialogue was very insightful.
17. Useful meeting, good exchange of information. Varying view points with no clear path forward. Inadequate technology and site info to resolve issue. No clear path forward. Land use planning doesn't always get accepted. Risk-cost analysis and trade off story needed.
 - Excellent format and facilitators
 - Great exchange of information and ideas.

KUDOS

18. Congratulations, if it is adequate it will facilitate logical, sustainable decisions.
19. Good Job!!
20. Give Shirley a bonus

MISCELLANEOUS

21. Need more public education about all the issues, not just political ones.
22. Current Energy Bill promotes Nuclear Power expansion. Sighting is underway in IL, PA, and GA. Offer the 300 area for a new power plant site. Fed, incentive for construction required. Fixed use.
23. More cookies! I didn't get one.